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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM BROCK ADAMS REGARDING AVIATION SECURITY AT FIUMICINO AIRPORT

REF: ROME 7917 AND STATE 108117

1. LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT VITTORINO COLOMBO ALREADY AIR POUCHED EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION UNDER DATE OF MAY 2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED APRIL 25:

"A TEAM OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) CIVIL
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AVIATION SECURITY OFFICIALS RECENTLY VISITED ROME AIRPORT TO INSPECT TRANS WORLD AIRLINES AND PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, ALITALIA AIRLINES SECURITY PROCEDURES WERE OBSERVED TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREIGN AIR CARRIER SECURITY REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR FLIGHTS DIRECTLY

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TO THE UNITED STATES. IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE EFFEC-
TIVENESS OF THE AIR CARRIER SECURITY MEASURES, RELATED
AIRPORT SECURITY PROCEDURES WERE ALSO OBSERVED.

SECURITY MEASURES OF THE AIR CARRIERS WERE FOUND TO BE
SATISFACTORY AS WERE THE SECURITY PROCEDURES OF THE
AIRPORT. SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES NOW IN EFFECT FOR
CERTAIN AIR CARRIERS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR
DETERMINATION THAT THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THE ROME
AIRPORT WAS SATISFACTORY. SUCH SAFEGUARDS SHOULD
CONTINUE IN VIEW OF PAST INCIDENTS AND THE CURRENT
THREAT. OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAA
REPRESENTATIVES WERE DISCUSSED WITH DR. M. RASCHILLA,
DIRECTOR OF FRONTIER POLICE, RAILROAD AND POSTAL DIVISION,
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR; DR. R. CASAGRANDE, DIRECTOR OF
ROME AIRPORT, AND INSPECTOR GENERAL F. MIRABELLA, ROME
AIRPORT POLICE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED
SECURITY. THE FAA RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ENCLOSED.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE COURTESIES EXTENDED TO THE
FAA TEAM AND COMMEND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY FOR ITS
EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY AT ITS AIRPORTS.
THE USERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM DEPEND
UPON OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE
SECURITY."
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2. SECRETARY ADAMS' LETTER HAS ATTACHED TO IT FOLLOWING
FAA RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FIUMICINO AIRPORT BASED
ON LAST FAA INSPECTION:

1. MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE AND CONSTANT FIRST-LINE SUPERVISION
OF ALL AVIATION SECURITY PERSONNEL.

2. REQUEST THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY, AVIATION SECURITY
TRAINING AT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INSTITUTE, OKLAHOMA
CITY, FOR KEY POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS.

3. PROVIDE FOR RECOGNITION OF A DESIGNATED NATIONAL-
LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO COORDINATE ALL CIVIL
AVIATION SECURITY MATTERS.

4. DEVELOP AND ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO OBSERVE AND
EVALUATE SECURITY SYSTEMS BY RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL-LEVEL
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

5. ENFORCE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES.

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6. IN VIEW OF THE HISTORY OF SECURITY INCIDENTS AT
ROME AND THE CURRENT THREAT ESTIMATE, THE SPECIAL
SECURITY MEASURES NOW IN EFFECT FOR CERTAIN AIR CARRIERS
SHOULD CONTINUE. CHRISTOPHER

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